THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (e) The CBI raided the residential and official premises at Dehradun and flat owned by the wife of the Group General Manager, ONGC in connection with possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. LIC policies, jewellery. household articles, FDRs, NSCs, NSSs, etc. were recovered. The case is under investigation by the CBI.

Allotment of Associated Gas to Rajasthan

3736. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan's request for allotment of suitable position of associated gas from the proposed gas grid in Gujarat for the purpose of development of industries in the neighbouring districts of Sirohi, Jalore, etc. is still under consideration;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of progress; and

(c) by when, decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) Considering the availability of gas in Gujarat, and the allocations already made, no further allocations of gas is feasible at present.

Tender for supply of Boots and Shoes in ONGC

3737. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has sought from the tender participants, for supplies of boots and shoes, extension of tender price offers on number of occasions in the past;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has not yet decided the same due to some internal problems and as a result of which safety angle of workers and staff has been ignored during the period;

(c) whether efforts have now been made to decide the same tender in the larger interest of safety; and

(d) if so. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) In the case of a tender invited by ONGC Headquarters, Dehradun for entering into rate contract for supply of safety shoes, the bidders were asked to extend the validity of their offers three times as the samples were required to be laboratory tested to ensure their conformity with safety regulations. The safety of the workers is not affected in any way as they are already provided with safety shoes as per norms procured by the Regional offices/Projects of ONGC.

Opening of Block for Oil Exploration

3738. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government opened more than 25 blocks for exploration of oil and natural gas by Indian and International companies;

(b) what are the main terms and conditions on which these blocks for exploration were given;

(c) what is the quantity of crude production Government envisages by these blocks; and

(d) what are the likely effects of these offers on ONGC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bids will be received under the Fifth Round till 30th June, 1993. The contracts entered into wi h successful bidders will be Production Sharing Contracts in which the contractor would be permitted to recover his costs and then share the profit oil a sliding scale linked to profita-

bility of the company. Since these are exploration offerings, the quantum of likely production can be known only if a discovery is made.

(d) This offer has been made to supplement the oil exploration efforts of ONGC.

उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में अनुसूचित जातियों/पिछड़े वर्गों के लोगों को गैस की एजेंसी और मिट्टी के तेल की डीलरशिप का आबंटन

3739. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में अलग-अलग गैस की कितनी एजेंसियां दी गयी हैं और मिट्टी के तेल के कितने डिपो खोले गए;

(ख) उपरोक्त संख्या में से अनुसूचित जातियों/पिछड़े वर्गों और अल्प संख्यकों से संबंधित व्यक्तियों को दी गई एजेंसियों और मिट्टी के तेल की डीलरशिपों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) इन समुदायों से संबंधित कोटे के भरने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में स्वीकृत एल०पी०जी० की डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें तथा खोली गई एस० के० ओ० की डीलरशिपों की संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

	1991–92		1992–93 (अप्रैल–दिसम्बर)	
	एल०पी०जी०	एस०के०ओ०	एल०पी०जी०	एस०के०ओ०
उ० प्रदेश	25	2	14	5
बिहार	6	8	11	1

(ख) उपर्युक्त में से एस० के० ओ० की सात डीलरशिपें और एल० पी० जी० की एक डिस्ट्री-ब्यूटरशिप अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जन जाति की हैं। पिछड़े वर्गों अथवा अल्पसंख्यकों के लिए कोई आरक्षण नहीं हैं।

(ग) आरक्षण मानदंडों का सावधानी से अनुपालन किया जाता है। किसी प्रकार की कमी को अनुवर्ती विपणन योजनाओं में जोड़ दिया जाता है।

कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन शुरू करने के लिए निर्धारित लक्ष्य

3740. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विभिन्न नई परियोजनाओं द्वारा कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन शुरू करने संबंधी लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है;